

*Mátalé Kandyan Marriages.***No. 14 of 1889.****An Ordinance to provide for the validity of certain Marriages registered in the District of Matale under "The Amended Kandyan Marriage Ordinance, 1870."***(See No. 3 of 1870.)*

Preamble.

Registration of certain marriages in the Mátalé District irregular by reason of not having been in duplicate.

WHEREAS "The Amended Kandyan Marriage Ordinance, 1870," requires, *inter alia*, in order to constitute a valid marriage thereunder, that the same shall be registered in duplicate in the presence of any registrar for the district where such marriage is contracted: And whereas in the District of Mátalé divers marriages contracted under the said Ordinance were registered only in one marriage register book, and not in duplicate in two such books as required by the said Ordinance, by Robert Massie, George Sanders Williams, Henry Luttrell Moysey, Don Aaron Cornelius de Alwis Igalaratna, and Benedict Nathaniel Karunanáyaka Jayawardana, each of whom acted in the matter of such registration in the capacity of district registrar: And whereas it is expedient to remove all doubts as to the validity of the said marriages, notwithstanding their non-registration in duplicate: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Such irregular registrations declared valid.

1 The registration of all marriages contracted in the Mátalé District and registered by the said Robert Massie, or the said George Sanders Williams, or the said Henry Luttrell Moysey, or the said Don Aaron Cornelius de Alwis Igalaratna, or the said Benedict Nathaniel Karunanáyaka Jayawardana, between the first day of January, 1872, and the thirtieth day of September, 1888, shall be as valid and effectual for all purposes intended by, or relating to, or connected with the provisions of "The Amended Kandyan Marriage Ordinance, 1870," as if the particulars relating to such marriages had respectively been registered in duplicate in two of the marriage register books as in the said Ordinance provided.

No other defect cured in respect of such marriages.

2 Nothing herein contained shall give any validity to the registration of any marriage so irregularly registered as aforesaid, except so far as relates to the defect thereof caused by the non-registration in duplicate of the particulars of such marriage as required by the said Ordinance.

31st October, 1889.